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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the

Examiner the documents listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449. This Information

Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the

merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the references previously submitted in

Application No. 09/477,562 (copies of the PTO 1449s enclosed) be made a part of this

application and considered accordingly.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better

art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are

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Respectfully Submitted,

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